

**St. Thomas More Catholic Church**  
**6th Sunday of Easter**  
**May 5, 2024**



*"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you." -John 15:12*

**Welcome to St. Thomas More Catholic Church**

**Thank you for celebrating with us today. We warmly welcome you to our humble place of worship. Our Lord Jesus comes to us in word and sacrament as we celebrate His life, death, and resurrection at Holy Mass. If this is your first time visiting, we hope you find a new spiritual home away from home. Founded in 1964, our parish has a long tradition of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Sustainable only by your contributions, your generosity is sincerely appreciated. We welcome you, again, and thank you for celebrating with us.**

Mass Schedule

Monday thru Thursday	8:00 a.m.
Friday (S.T.M. School Mass)	8:00 a.m.
Saturday	8:00 a.m.
	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	8:00 a.m.
	10:00 a.m.
	12:00 p.m.
	(Español)

Holy Days of Obligation

Day Before Holy Day  
 Vigil Mass 6:30 p.m.

Actual Holy Day

8:00 a.m.  
 6:30 p.m.  
 (Español)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Maggie Briseño - Coordinator  
 Gilbert Cantú, Alli Fuentes, Alicia Perez,  
 Cesar Paez & Vicky Smith.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

David Allen - Coordinator  
 RoseMarie Evancho, Michele Allen & Rita Davis

**"The parish does not ask for favors either by email or text to parishioners asking to purchase gift cards of any sort."**

Holy Sacraments

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30 to 4:45 p.m.  
 or by Appointment

Baptism

Parents and God-Parents must attend class prior to the Baptism.

Celebrated on:

The 4th Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m. (Spanish)  
 The 4th Saturday of the month at 5:00 p.m. (Vigil Mass)

Marriage & Quinceañera's

Contact the Pastor at least 6 months prior to date of celebration.

Anointing of the Sick

Those facing hospitalization, surgery or have a significant illness and desire physical & spiritual healing are asked to call the office to schedule an anointing.

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday Adoration after Mass until 5:00 p.m.  
 Monthly English Holy Hour is the 1st Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m.  
 La Hora Santa Mensual es el primer Viernes del mes a las 7:00 p.m.

Religious Education Office

We offer Religious Education (including Sacramental Preparation) in English & Spanish for children in grades 1 through 12. Please call the Rectory for more information.

St. Thomas More Catholic School

Our school offers excellent Academic opportunities for children beginning at 18 months up to 8th grade. Tuition assistance programs are available for families that qualify. For more information please call 210-655-2882 or visit our website: [www.St-Thomas-More-School.org](http://www.St-Thomas-More-School.org)

**HOME OF THE KNIGHTS**

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Monday-Friday  
 8:30 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.  
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 1:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

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[STMPARISH@LIVE.COM](mailto:STMPARISH@LIVE.COM)  
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## PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

*God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons.*

*Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call.*

*May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults.*

*Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.*

*Amen*

## ORACIÓN POR LAS VOCACIONES

*Dios Padre nuestro, te damos gracias por llamar a hombres y mujeres a servir en el Reino de tu Hijo como sacerdotes, diáconos y personas consagradas.*

*Envía tu Espíritu Santo para ayudar a otros a responder generosa y valientemente a tu llamado.*

*Que nuestra comunidad de fe apoye vocaciones de amor sacrificial en nuestros jóvenes y jóvenes adultos.*

*A través de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo, un solo Dios, por los siglos de los siglos.*

*Amén*

## *Walking United in Christ*

Make a gift to the Archbishop's Appeal for Ministries and support our community from conception to natural death



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## YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

April 28, 2024

Sunday Collection .....	\$ 3,674.46
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 103.55
Facilities Improvement.....	\$ 1,012.00
Assumption Seminary.....	\$ 11.00
STM School.....	\$ 710.75
Mothers Day.....	\$ 230.00
Bulletin Ads.....	\$ 675.00

*Second Collection May 11 - 12:  
To Support our STM School*



## La Campaña del Arzobispo para los Ministerios

La Campaña del Arzobispo para los Ministerios es una campaña anual que apoya a más de **30 ministerios**

compartidos que promueven la misión de la Iglesia Católica en nuestra área.

Considere realizar un donativo, de manera que Caminando Unidos en Cristo, podamos cuidar constantemente de aquellos que dependen de la Arquidiócesis y de nuestros programas para sustentar la vida y la fe.

¡Visite [archsa.org/archbishops-appeal](http://archsa.org/archbishops-appeal) para donar hoy!

¿Tiene preguntas?  
Por favor llame al (210) 734-1910.

**Gospel Meditation:**

Once a man came to the Vatican and asked to see Pope John Paul II, claiming that they had been friends in Poland. When told of the man, the Pope said, "He is mistaken about our friendship. I don't recall ever having suffered with him." As it turned out, the man had never known the Pope. Now, I'm not sure if the story is totally factual. But doesn't the juxtaposition of suffering with friendship sound exactly like JP II?

He understood that the deepest and most lasting friendships are forged in the fires of shared suffering. No suffering, no friendship. Amazing.

This week we hear Jesus say to the apostles and to us, "You are my friends if you do what I command you" (*John 15:14*). In Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, God entered the world of human suffering and transformed it into an avenue of friendship with Himself. Following His command — to love, to lay down our lives for others — will always entail suffering. But this suffering only deepens our friendship with Him. His suffering is ours; ours is His. We have become friends of God.

This week, how might you share your suffering with the Risen Jesus? How might he be sharing his suffering with you, in the lives of those around you? Be attentive to that, and you'll find that you are indeed a friend of God, because you've suffered together a great deal.

— Father John Muir

**Meditación del Evangelio:**

Una vez un hombre llegó al Vaticano y pidió ver al Papa Juan Pablo II, alegando que habían sido amigos en Polonia. Cuando se le habló del hombre, el Papa dijo: "Está equivocado acerca de nuestra amistad. No recuerdo haber sufrido nunca con él". Resultó que el hombre nunca había conocido al Papa. Ahora, no estoy seguro de si la historia es totalmente real. Pero, ¿no suena la yuxtaposición del sufrimiento con la amistad exactamente como JP II? Entendió que las amistades más profundas y duraderas se forjan en el fuego del sufrimiento compartido. Sin sufrimiento, sin amistad. Asombroso.

Esta semana escuchamos a Jesús decir a los apóstoles y a nosotros: "Vosotros sois mis amigos, si hacéis lo que yo os mando" (*Juan 15:14*). En la vida, muerte y resurrección de Jesús, Dios entró en el mundo del sufrimiento humano y lo transformó en una vía de amistad consigo mismo. Seguir su mandamiento — amar, dar la vida por los demás — siempre implicará sufrimiento. Pero este sufrimiento no hace más que profundizar nuestra amistad con Él.

Su sufrimiento es el nuestro; la nuestra es Suya. Nos hemos hecho amigos de Dios.

Esta semana, ¿cómo podrías compartir tu sufrimiento con Jesús Resucitado? ¿Cómo podría estar compartiendo su sufrimiento contigo, en la vida de los que te rodean? Estén atentos a eso, y descubrirán que son realmente amigos de Dios, porque han sufrido mucho juntos.

— Father John Muir

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**June Jamboree**  
 Friday, June 7th, 2024  
 6:00 - 11:00 pm

Honoring  
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### PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE

Come Celebrate the 107<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Our Lady's first appearance to the three Shepherd children:

Lucia dos Santos and her cousins Jacinta and Francisco Marto

on  
May 13, 1917  
at Fatima, Portugal.

You are invited to join us as we pray:

*The Holy Rosary*  
at the Grotto Outside the Rectory Office  
Saturday, May 11, 2024 @ Noon

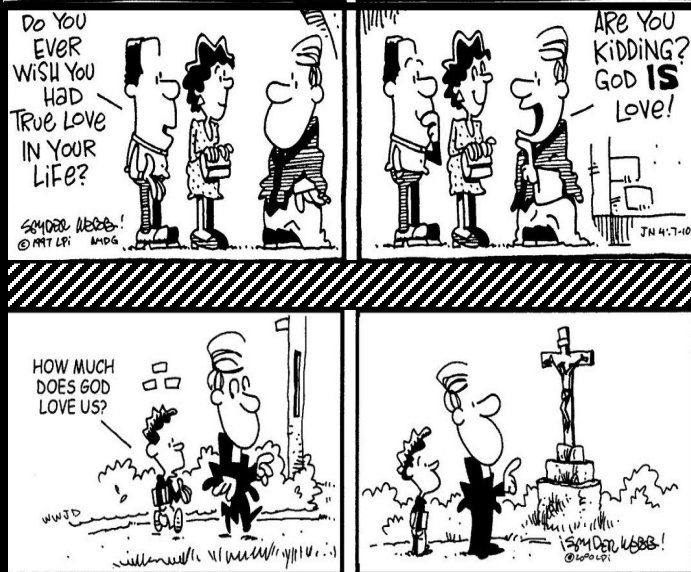
Want More Information?  
Contact: David Barrera @ (210) 793-0794

*St. Michael Catholic Church*  
309 E. Church St, Cuero, Tx  
is announcing its Annual  
**SPRING FESTIVAL**  
Sunday, May 19, 2024

A Roast Beef Dinner with all the trimmings will be served from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Dining will be on-site or drive thru for plates to-go. *Meal tickets are \$12.00.*

Music from the Rusty Steins Polka Band from 11a - 12 p. Also: Beer Garden, Live Auction (starting at 12:15 pm), Silent Auction, Bingo, Country Store and Raffle.

Come enjoy a great meal and a fun-filled day for all ages! For more info, contact the church office at 361-275-3554 Or: Anthony Netardus @ 361-564-8989 Mobile - or -



**St. Michael's Catholic Church**  
309 E. Church St.  
Cuero, TX

**ANNUAL SPRING FESTIVAL**  
Sunday, May 19, 2024



### ATTENTION - St. Thomas More Youth

If you are in the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade or above... and have made your First Holy Communion... **We need your help!**

We need Altar Servers for all Masses (English and Spanish). So, whether you attend STM School, our Faith-Formation Classes, or simply attend Mass here... **I invite you to join us on the altar.**

Serve God... by serving His people. Call (have your parents call) the Parish Office with your name and phone number. We will contact you for training, etc.

Thank you and... God Bless-

Si estás en 4<sup>o</sup> grado o más... y has hecho tu Primera Comunión... **¡Necesitamos tu ayuda!**

Necesitamos acolytes para todas las Misas (inglés y español). Así que, ya sea que asistas a la Escuela STM, a nuestras Clases de Formación en la Fe... o simplemente asistas a Misa aquí, **te invito a unirme a nosotros en el altar.**

Servir a Dios... sirviendo a su pueblo. Llame (pida a sus padres que llamen) a la Oficina Parroquial con su nombre y número de teléfono. Nos pondremos en contacto con usted para recibir formación, etc.

Gracias y... Dios los bendiga-

### **Bad News from:**

**The East Terrell Hills Neighborhood Association (ETHNA)**

**The Community Yard Sale scheduled for Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>**

Has been cancelled.  
because of "permit-issues"

Questions? Contact: Lorenzo Acosta @ (210) 415-1556

We apologize for any inconvenience.

**This Week at Our Parish**

**Sunday, May 5, 2024**  
 10:00 am KoC Mass - *Church*  
 CDA May Crowning - *Church*

**Monday, May 6, 2024**  
 5:30 pm Guadalupanos Board Mtg - *Rectory Mtg Room*

**Tuesday, May 7, 2024**  
 5:30 pm Divine Mercy - *Rectory Mtg Room*  
 6:30 pm Coro Alegria Choir Practice - *Rectory Mtg Room*  
 7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion Choir Practice - *Church*

**Wednesday, May 8, 2024**  
 10:30 am Charismatic Prayer Gp Core Mtg - *Rectory Mtg Room*  
 6:00 pm CDA Spiritual Retreat Prep - *Rectory Dining Room*  
 KC 3 Degree Officers Mtg - *Carolan Hall*  
 7:00 pm Guadalupanos Choir Practice - *Church*  
 Pastoral Council Mtg - *Rectory Mtg Room*

**Thursday, May 9, 2024**  
 6:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Grp - *Church*  
 CDA Board Mtg - *Rectory Dining Room*  
 STM School Science Fair - *Carolan Hall*  
 7:00 pm RCIA - *Rectory Mtg Room*

**Friday, May 10, 2024**  
 9:00 am Friday Adoration - *Church*  
 7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion - *Church*

**Saturday, May 11, 2024**  
 10:00 am VBS Planning Mtg - *Carolan Hall*  
 11:00 am First Holy Communion Mass / English - *Church*  
 12:00 pm Public Square Rosary - *Rectory Grotto*

**Sunday, May 12, 2024 - Mother's Day**  
 6:15 pm Guadalupanos Monthly Rosary - *Church*

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, May 4, 2024**  
 8:00 am †Al Weinheimer by Carolyn Weinheimer  
 †STM Parishioners - *Living and †Deceased*

5:00 pm †Christina C. Dominguez by Dominguez Family  
 †Baldemar Saldiva & Augustin Mora, Jr by Rosa Saldiva

**Sunday, May 5, 2024**  
 8:00 am †All Priests, Deacons, and Religious  
 10:00 am †Roger Ramirez & †Antonio Aguillon by Family  
 †Steven Lee Waldron by Mom  
 †Medardo E. Morales & †Evangelina G. Morales by Morales / Briseno Family  
 12:00 pm †Alicia Cisneros by Daughters  
 †Jesus Cisneros Cisneros & Rafael Soria Anguiano by Guadalupe Soria

**Monday, May 6, 2024**  
 8:00 am †Lorena Espinoza by Reyes Family

**Tuesday, May 7, 2024**  
 8:00 am †Hugh Tate III

**Wednesday, May 8, 2024**  
 8:00 am †Paul Nguyen by Thuy Nguyen  
 †*Birthdays - Michael Boudreaux* by Mom

**Thursday, May 9, 2024**  
 8:00 am †*Deceased Members of the Stensland Family*  
 †*All Ordained Clergy and Religious*

**Friday, May 10, 2024**  
 8:00 am †*Deceased Members of the Castro Family*

**Saturday, May 11, 2024**  
 8:00 am †Theresa Hoi by Kim Nguyen  
 5:00 pm †Alfredo Sanchez by 4th Degreek Assembly 2748  
 †Anna Maria Castillo by Monica Castillo

**Sunday, May 12, 2024**  
 8:00 am †Diana Ramirez by Family  
 †Carmen Chapa Mata by Elda T. Garcia  
 10:00 am †Genevieve Oswald by Oswald Family  
 †Salome H. Briseno & †Carolina B. Briseno by Morales / Briseno Family  
 12:00 pm †Kathryn Marie Sweet by Maria T. Sweet  
 †*STM Parishioners - Living and †Deceased*



**Sanctuary Light Intention:**

*Steven Lee Waldron*

**Lecturas de la Semana del 6 - 12 mayo**

**Lunes:** Hch 16:11-15; Sal 149:1-6,9; Jn 15:26-16:4  
**Martes:** Hch 16:22-34; Sal 137:1-3,7-8; Jn 16:5-11  
**Miércoles:** Hch 17:15,22-18:1; Sal 148:1-2,11-14;  
 Jn 16:12-15  
**Jueves:** Hch 18:1-8; Sal 97:1-4; Jn 16:16-20  
**Viernes:** Hch 18:9-18; Sal 46:2-7; Jn 16:20-23  
**Sábado:** Hch 18:23-28; Sal 46:2-3,8-10; Jn 16:23-28  
**Domingo:** Hch 1:1-11; Sal 46:2-3,6-9; Ef 1:17-23;  
 Mc 16:15-20



**\*\*\* SAVE THE DATE \*\*\***

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS**

**PRESENT A**

**“MARIAN RETREAT”**

**JUNE 15, 2024**

*More Information to Follow*

**Readings for the week of May 6 - 12**

**Monday:** Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6,9; Jn 15:26-6:4  
**Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3,7c-8; Jn 16:5-11  
**Wednesday:** Acts 17:15,22-8:1; Ps 148:1-2,11-14;  
 Jn 16:12-15  
**Thursday:** Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20  
**Friday:** Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23  
**Saturday:** Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3,8-10; Jn 16:23-28  
**Sunday:** Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3,6-9; Eph 1:17-23;  
 Mk 16:15-20

**Liturgical Roles**

**Saturday, May 11, 2023**  
 8:00 pm **Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Rolando, S.Chapa, C.Lang,  
 R.Saldiva, K.Ball  
**Lector** - R.Alvarado

**Sunday, May 12, 2023**  
 8 am **Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim, M.Aguirre, R.Castaneda,  
 Y.Cione, P.Klar  
**Lector** - S.Castaneda

10 am **Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Rolando, T.Garza, A.Fuentes,  
 M.Briseno, L.Gifford, Sr.Eucharia, N.Lawson  
**Lector** - **Abi.Perez**

12 pm **Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim, C.Hernandez, R.Gomez,  
 R.Borrego, A.Chavez, H.Gomez, I.Hernandez,  
**Lector** - M.Cisneros / H.Gomez

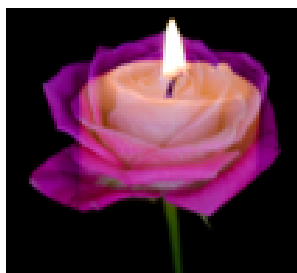
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 Rick Briseño at 210-834-7017

**In Memory of**  
**Christina C. Dominguez**  
 on behalf of  
**The Dominguez Family**



**In Memory of**  
**Jose (Joe) Galvan,**  
**Joseph (Joe) Galvan**  
**& Billy Sheridan**  
 on behalf of  
**The Family**

**Catholic Daughters of America #2683**  
**Monthly Meeting:**  
 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.  
**Contact Regent**  
 Vicky Smith at 210-724-4994



**St. Thomas More Guadalupanos Society**  
 Invite all men & women to our group.  
**Our Monthly Meeting & Fellowship Meets**  
 3rd Sunday of the month after the  
 8:00 a.m. Mass. For more information call  
 Will Torres at 210.620.2745

**In Memory of**  
**The Leo Oswald &**  
**The Fred Lansing**  
**Families**

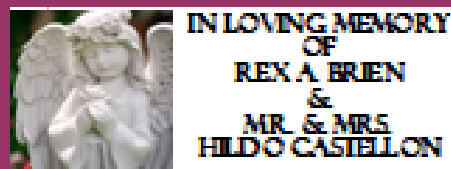


**In Memory of**  
**Steven D. Sprague**  
 on behalf of

**Archdiocese of San Antonio**  
**Procedure for Reporting Abuse**  
 If you or someone you know has been  
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 deacon, or other church personnel  
 and you wish to file a complaint:  
**Contact the Office of Victim**  
**Assistance & Safe Environment at**  
 (210) 734-7786  
 or 1-877-700-1888  
 or email: [ovase@archsa.org](mailto:ovase@archsa.org).  
 You have the right to contact law  
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 responded to within 48 hours.



*In Loving Memory*

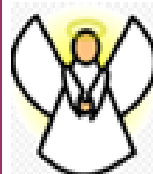


**IN LOVING MEMORY**  
 OF  
**REX A. BRIEN**  
 &  
**MR. & MRS.**  
**HILDO CASTELLON**

**PRAY FOR THE 3 MOST**  
**FORGOTTEN SOULS IN**  
**PURGATORY**



**In Loving Memory**  
 of  
**Joe Canales**  
 On behalf of  
**The Canales Family**  
 Love Always



**In Loving Memory**  
 of  
**Florencio Baiza,**  
**Louise Baiza Garza,**  
**Robert Garza**  
 &  
**Mr. & Mrs.**  
**Ruben Rodriguez Sr.**



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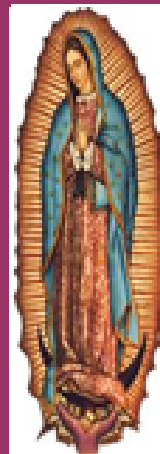
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**In Loving Memory**  
 of  
**Santiago G. Garcia Sr.**  
 on behalf of  
**The Garcia Family**  
 &  
**In Loving Memory**  
 of  
**Eva M. Quiñones**  
 On behalf of  
**The Quiñones**  
**Grandchildren**